

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 10.30am

Present

Barbara Cuff (Chairman), Susie Gibbins, Mary Groves, Di Yates, Rosemary Fife,  
Debbie Dardis and Claire Biggs

Also present at the Committee's Invitation Sue Johns

## 1. Apologies

Karen Beaumont-Wraith

## 2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Signed

## 3. Matters arising from previous meeting.

There were no matters arising

## 4. Chairman's Report

At the start of the season Barbara had nothing to report however she took the opportunity to welcome Debbie Dardis to her first committee meeting and wished everyone a happy and good golfing year in 2015

## 5. Secretary's Report

Any correspondence about monies will be dealt with later in the agenda.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Susie reported the bank details as follows

Lloyds Bank. £2914.20

Petty Cash. £ 30.04

Santander. £3432.04

TOTAL. £6376.28

Further discussions will be part of a later agenda item

## 7. Championship Secretary's Report

Karen reported by e-mail that she has sent a Harper Salver poster and entry form to GLCGA, she has had one entry and is sending out reminders to last year's entries. The committee wished her well after her operation.

It was noted that the event would run at a loss were it not for the sponsorship received from Diney Costeloe and GLCGA. The committee expressed their disappointment that Somerset County were unable to match the contribution made by Gloucestershire.

## 8. Website Organiser

Debbie reported that she met with Sue Gibson in December 2014 and they spent 3 hours going through the web organiser's role and responsibilities. She has taken possession of the file but has asked Sue if she will kindly go through the recording of the results and the management of the spreadsheets and they are meeting on 27th February to complete the handover before the season begins.

She has put on a short Happy New Year greetings message to replace the Christmas message.

The results spreadsheets for 2015 are being set up currently.

Sue Gibson has done some work on the FAQs and she will assist Debbie in producing a new page for the website before the end of March 2015. Debbie will send around the first draft for comment and would really appreciate any feedback from the committee.

#### **9. Item 9 Looking at the monies held by the BDLGA**

New Ball Makers for the Harper Salver,  
New silver ball markers for retiring committee members,  
Honourarium £20 per committee member (committee members have not charged even for petrol before)

The committee are committed to spending money on these three items.

Ideas suggested by various clubs and also by committee members were as follows:-

A Trophy for the Harper Salver Winner to keep herself,  
Reduced or no fees for Alliance Teams,  
A more valuable prize for the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes winners and runners up,  
An individual memento for the winners of each divisions, (highest scores for the year),  
A team memento for the 5 league winners each year,  
A welcome coffee for all attendees at the AGM,  
Reimbursement of engraving costs for the different trophies.  
A contribution to the junior funds for both counties.

All the ideas were discussed very fully by the committee, ably led by Susie Gibbins, Treasurer, who has the knowledge of our ongoing commitments. She explained how the funds show a rise some years (as this year) but the need to spend money on the three items mentioned will be expensive and the accounts for 2015 will show a different story.

Reducing the fees even for one year was felt by all the committee to be a retrograde step and bring little of value to clubs (note fees were increased in 2011 from £15 for A teams and £10 for B teams)

The Scratch and Handicap prizes are only a token as the people who play in the final are representing their club and may not have played in other rounds of the competition, the trophies are the main rewards and these are given to the clubs so the committee felt that this should not be changed.

The idea of giving extra prizes for both individuals and teams was not liked as the cost would be very high very quickly and the trophies are engraved for ever.

The welcome coffee was felt to be a good idea and would be about £100 but the committee saw it as a nice way to say thank you to all the attendees who are giving their time to the BDLGA.

Reimbursement or paying for engraving was a difficult task to achieve and the committee felt most clubs pay for it as part of a general cost born by the club or the Ladies section.

A Contribution to junior funds was not seen as a good use of our money.

The treasurer agreed to carry out some research following the meeting, the results of which are shown in the addendum to the minutes.

Therefore the committee agreed that they are committed in 2015 to replenishing the Harper Salver and silver ball markers, paying the Honorariums of £20 per committee member and will provide the welcome coffee at the AGM. The committee will continue to review the accounts at all future meetings.

10. The committee discussed the problem at the AGM when one team was accidentally left out of one of the knockout draws but all agreed that though it was unfortunate there would be no redraw but several ideas were discussed to ensure that it doesn't happen again. The committee were reminded that when this last happened no redraw occurred then either.

**11.AOB**

Claire asked Debbie to put the up to date rules on the website.

Susie reminded the committee that 4 members will have served their time at the end of this year, after some discussion the committee will look at the rules with a view to avoiding such a high changeover rate (possibly making a proposal for an amendment to the rule 2ii at the AGM)

Debbie will alert BDLGA members with a note on the web.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

**Dates for 2015**

The AGM is on Monday 9th November at Knowle at 11am

The Harper Salver 14th June at Bath

The Scratch and Handicap Finals 13<sup>th</sup> Sept (reserve the following week) Venue TBA

**Committee Meeting Dates 2015**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am at Knowle

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am at Knowle

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10:00am at Knowle

Addendum to the discussions following Suzie Gibbon's research

Silver Ball Markers last purchased in 2007 at a cost of £640.32 (only 12 left)

Harper Salver 200 purchased in 2011 at a cost of £109.50

Scratch and Handicap Foursomes Finalists 50 purchased in 2012 £87.75.

Harper Salver Memento – ideas include goblet £26, paperweights £23.50 Susie will bring a brochure to the next meeting, also a look at the prizes given was suggested vouchers could be changed both amount and where they are redeemed.